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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of All that is Good and Just, we ask Your blessings for the men and women who labor in and through this House Chamber. May their efforts benefit the citizens of Massachusetts.

Prayer.

Today we remember the birth of Frances Perkins. Born in Boston in 1880, raised in Worcester, graduate of Holyoke College, Perkins served for 12 years as the Secretary of Labor during President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 4 terms, the first woman to hold a cabinet post.

As the United States faced the Great Depression, Frances Perkins drew up the policies for the establishment of immediate federal aid to the states for unemployment relief, and helped craft the extensive program of public works that put many Americans to work. She oversaw the development of a federal law of minimum wages, maximum hours, unemployment insurance, as well as the Social Security Act, and the abolition of child labor.

We give thanks for this remarkable daughter of Massachusetts.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Appointment by the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Gloria Leipzig of Belmont as his designee to serve on the special commission established (under Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2016) to make an investigation and study of the prevalence and impact of the bullying of tenants, with a focus on elderly and disabled tenants, in public and subsidized multi-family housing.

Bullying
of tenants.

Communication.

A communication from Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General laws) submitting the annual report for fiscal year 2016, was placed on file.

Pioneer Valley
Transit.

Annual Reports.

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Of the Inspector General of the Commonwealth (under Section 9 of Chapter 141 of the Acts of 1998) containing the review of the appraisal of the Chelmsford Forum in the towns of Chelmsford and Billerica [a copy was forwarded to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, as required under said law]; and

Chelmsford,—
forum.

Of the State Lottery Charitable Gaming Division (under Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for the calendar year 2016;

State lottery,—
charitable
gaming.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the city of Haverhill as the U.S. Navy Petty Officer Caitlin E. Trask memorial bridge.

Haverhill,—
Trask bridge.

By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward F. Coppinger relative to health insurance coverage for certain genetically targeted drugs for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Duchenne
muscular
dystrophy.

By Messrs. Day of Stoneham and Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day and Gerard Cassidy relative to penalties for the crime of larceny.

Larceny,—
penalites.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William Daly relative to the authority of police departments with regard to certain motor vehicles.

Police,—
motor vehicle
authority.

By Messrs. Whelan of Brewster and Crocker of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan, William Crocker and others for legislation to further regulate the sharing of certain police reports by investigators of the Department of Children and Families.

Police reports,—
access.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Mark C. Montigny and Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gail Normandin, an employee of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Gail
Normandin,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2049) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3042) of Nick Collins and others relative to online mandated child abuse reporter training,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Child abuse,—
mandated
reporters.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3021) of Cory Atkins and

Illegal hunting

others relative to the enforcement of illegal hunting practices,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

practices.

Of so much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Treasurer (House, No. 23) as relates to enhancing consumer protection with respect to unclaimed property (House, No. 35),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services.

Unclaimed property.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2269) of Brian J. Coppola relative to establishing psychiatric advance directives for mental health care,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Mental health care.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 835) of Jonathan Hecht and others relative to defining child-resistant packaging of liquid nicotine containers and establishing civil penalties for violations,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Liquid nicotine,— packaging.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brenda May, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3455).

Brenda May,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Angeline Lee, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3456).

Angeline Lee,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Monica Bassila, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 3462).

Monica Bassila,— sick leave.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 1, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2018 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3600) [Total appropriation: \$40,327,891,863.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

General Appropriation Bill.

Subsequently Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under the provisions of House Order No. 3599, amended, the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Monday, April 24, for a second reading.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Motherway, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 2792), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

William Motherway,— sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the

preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Harrington of Groton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.